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### *Claims*

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What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A [[method]] computer system for a computer device providing [[a]] cryptographic tickets to be transmitted to one or more [[a]] trusted modules, allowing [[that]] intended modules to issue a [[pre-determined]] set number of public-key certificates.
2. (Cancelled) A computer system based on the method of 1.
3. (Original) A computer system based on the method of claim 1 where the trusted module is a hardware token such as a USB token or a smartcard.
4. (Currently amended) A [[method]] computer system based on claim 1 where the cryptographic ticket is a public-key or private-key certificate.
5. (Cancelled) A computer system based on the method of claim 4.
6. (Original) A computer system based on the method of claim 4 where the trusted module is a hardware token such as a USB token or a smartcard.
7. (Currently amended) A [[method]] computer system based on claim 1 where the [[pre-determined]] set number of certificates that can be issued is determined by information within the provided cryptographic ticket.
8. (Original) A computer system based on the method of claim 7 where the trusted module is a hardware token such as a USB token or a smartcard.

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